

(c) Upon the satisfactory completion of the Coast Guard's evaluation of a request for authorization, the organization will be visited for an evaluation as described in § 96.440(b) of this part.

§ 96.440 How will the Coast Guard decide whether to approve an organization's request to be authorized?

(a) First, the Coast Guard will evaluate the organization's request for authorization and supporting written materials, looking for evidence of the following—

- (1) The organization's clear assignment of management duties;
- (2) Ethical standards for managers and auditors;
- (3) Procedures for auditor training, qualification, certification, and re-qualification that are consistent with recognized industry standards;
- (4) Procedures for auditing safety management systems that are consistent with recognized industry standards and IMO Resolution A.788(19);
- (5) Acceptable standards for internal auditing and management review;
- (6) Record-keeping standards for safety management auditing and certification;
- (7) Methods for reporting non-conformities and recording completion of remedial actions;
- (8) Methods for certifying safety management systems;
- (9) Methods for periodic and intermediate audits of safety management systems;
- (10) Methods for renewal audits of safety management systems;
- (11) Methods for handling appeals; and
- (12) Overall procedures consistent with IMO Resolution A.739(18), "Guidelines for the Authorization of Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Administration."

(b) After a favorable evaluation of the organization's written request, the Coast Guard will arrange to visit the organization's corporate offices and port offices for an on-site evaluation of operations.

(c) When a request is approved, the recognized organization and the Coast Guard will enter into a written agreement. This agreement will define the scope, terms, conditions and require-

ments of the authorization. Conditions of this agreement are found in § 96.460 of this part.

§ 96.450 What happens if the Coast Guard disapproves an organization's request to be authorized?

(a) The Coast Guard will write to the organization explaining why it did not meet the criteria for authorization.

(b) The organization may then correct the deficiencies and reapply.

§ 96.460 How will I know what the Coast Guard requires of my organization if my organization receives authorization?

(a) Your organization will enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard. This written agreement will specify—

- (1) How long the authorization is valid;
 - (2) Which duties and responsibilities the organization may perform, and which certificates it may issue on behalf of the U.S.;
 - (3) Reports and information the organization must send to the Commandant (G-MOC);
 - (4) Actions the organization must take to renew the agreement when it expires; and
 - (5) Actions the organization must take if the Coast Guard should revoke its authorization or recognition under 46 CFR part 8.
- (b) [Reserved]

§ 96.470 How does the Coast Guard terminate an organization's authorization?

At least every 12 months, the Coast Guard evaluates organizations authorized under this subpart. If an organization fails to maintain acceptable standards, the Coast Guard may terminate that organization's authorization, remove the organization from the Commandant's list of recognized organizations, and further evaluate the organization's recognition under 46 CFR part 8.

§ 96.480 What is the status of a certificate if the issuing organization has its authority terminated?

Any certificate issued by an organization authorized by the Coast Guard